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SUBJECT: QUEEN ELIZABETH II COMPLETES VISIT TO MEXICO

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SUMMARY: QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND PRINCE PHILLIP COMPLETED THEIR VISIT TO MEXICO MARCH 1. THE QUEEN AND HER ENTOURAGE WERE GREETED BY LARGE ENTHUSIASTIC CROWDS AND WERE WARMLY RECEIVED AND ENTERTAINED BY MEXICAN OFFICIALS AT EVERY STOP ON THEIR TOUR. WHILE THE VISIT WAS CEREMONIAL AND MERELY RECIPROCATED PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S VISIT TO BRITAIN IN 1973, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS DID USE THE OCCASION FOR POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SOME MINOR AGREEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE QUEEN'S ITINERARY WAS AS FOLLOWS: MEXICO CITY, FEB 24-25; GUANAJUATO AND OAXACA, FEB 26; MERIDA, FEB 27; TIZIMIN (YUCATAN) FEB 28; AND VERACRUZ, FEB 28-MAR1.

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2. BY ALL ACCOUNTS, THE VISIT, ALTHOUGH HEAVILY SCHEDULED,

WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. A CONTACT AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY REPORTS THAT THE QUEEN, DESPITE NUMEROUS LAVISH STATE VISITS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD, WAS IMPRESSED BOTH BY THE WARMTH OF HER RECEPTION IN MEXICO AND BY THE ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES SHE VISITED - MONTE ALBAN, JUST OUTSIDE OF OAXACA, AND UXMAL, NEAR MERIDA. A DINNER WAS GIVEN FOR HER AT UXMAL. THIS SAME CONTACT REPORTS THAT NOT ONLY WAS THIS AN UNUSUAL EVENT, BUT THAT DESPITE RAIN THE QUEEN WAS THOROUGHLY ENCHANTED BY THE BEAUTIFUL SETTING. OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE QUEEN'S TOUR (SEE MEXICO 1755 ON HER RECEPTION AND STAY IN MEXICO CITY) WERE A VISIT IN VERACRUZ TO ONE OF THE 21 PATROL BOATS WHICH ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED IN GREAT BRITAIN UNDER A 36 MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT.

3. BOTH PRESIDENT AND MRS. ECHEVERRIA WENT TO VERACRUZ TO BE WITH THE QUEEN DURING HER LAST DAY IN MEXICO. THE QUEEN MADE A BRIEF PUBLIC SPEECH FROM A BALCONY IN THE CENTRAL SQUARE OF VERACRUZ STATING HOW MUCH SHE HAD ENJOYED HER VISIT AND THANKING THE LARGE CROWD WHICH HAD GATHERED AND THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO IN GENERAL FOR THEIR WARM HOSPITALITY. SINCE THE QUEEN ONLY SPEAKS IN PUBLIC ON RARE OCCASIONS, THIS WAS TAKEN AS ONE INDICATION OF HOW MOVED SHE REALLY WAS.

4. PRESIDENT AND MRS. ECHEVERRIA SAW THE QUEEN OFF ON HER DEPARTURE FROM THE AIRPORT IN VERACRUZ AT ABOUT 3:00 PM ON MARCH 1. THE QUEEN FLEW TO LONDON ON A BRITISH AIRWAYS JET WITH A STOP-OVER IN THE BAHAMAS.

5. PRINCE PHILLIP, WHO MISSED THE QUEEN'S DEPARTURE IN ORDER TO ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO VISIT AND DINE AT MEXICO'S NAVAL ACADEMY, DEPARTED ON THE ROYAL YACHT AT 4:30 THAT SAME AFTERNOON FOR BELIZE AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

6. BRITAIN'S MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DAVID ENNALS, ACCOMPANIED THE QUEEN TO MEXICO AND SIGNED TWO AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT IN MEXICO CITY ON FEBRUARY 25. THE FIRST COVERS CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND THE SECOND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE ACCORDS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENNALS SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE BELIZE PROBLEM WITH FONSEC RABASA AND THAT POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THIS PROBLEM ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION BUT THAT IT IS TOO SON TO DISCUSS THESE BEFORE THE PRESS. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, ENNALS SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD SUPPORTED THE BASIC IDEA OF THIS IMPORTANT MEXICAN INITIATIVE AT ITS INCEPTION BUT THAT IT COULD NOT VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE FINAL DRAFT BECAUSE

IT CONTAINED UNACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE IN THE SECTIONS PERTAINING TO SUCH SUBJECTS AS TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, INDEXATION, AND PRODUCER GROUPS. HIS EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT AND OTHER POWER WOULD BE ABLE TO CHANGE THEIR POSITIONS AND SUPPORT THE CHARTER AT SOME FUTURE DATE WAS CLEARLY TIED TO HIS REMARKS ON THE NEED TO CHANGE THE UNACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE. THE MEXICAN PRESS AND GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, IGNORED THIS LINK AND CITED THE POSSIBILITY THAT BRITAIN WILL RECONSIDER ITS POSITION ON THE EXISTING CHARTER AS ONE OF THE MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE VISIT. THIS IS NEITHER SURPRISING OR UNUSUAL. THEY DID THE SAME THING WITH BOTH PRESIDENT FORD'S AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S STATEMENTS ON THE CHARTER. WHILE THIS SHIFT IN EMPHASIS AND MEANING MAY BE INADVERTENT, IT NEVERTHELESS POINTS UP QUITE CLEARLY THAT GREATER THAN USUAL CARE MUST BE USED IN STATING POSITIONS TO THE MEXICAN PRESS AND GOVERNMENT.

7. A GROUP OF BRITISH BUSINESSMEN, HEADED BY THE PROMINENT BANKER LEOPOLD DE ROTHSCHILD, VISITED MEXICO AT THE SAME TIME AS THE QUEEN BUT WAS NOT PART OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS BRANDTS LIMITED OF LONDON SIGNED AN AGREEMENT EXTENDING 48 MILLION DOLLARS IN CREDIT TO ALTOS HORNOS OF MEXICO (A GOVERNMENT OWNED COMPANY) FOR THE PURCHASE OF CAPITAL GOODS FOR THE STEEL AND MINIERAL INDUSTRIES.

8. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE IN LONDON ON MARCH 3, ENNALS CALLED THE QUEEN'S VISIT "EXTREMELY STIMULATING" TO BILATERAL RELATIONS. NOTING THAT BRITISH-MEXICAN TRADE HAD INCREASED 50 PERCENT IN 1974, HE PREDICTED THAT THIS TRADE WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW AND REACH A RECORD HIGH THIS YEAR.  
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